



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Suzanne D. Rogers

Appl. No.: 10/069,098

Filed: October 26, 2001

For: **Cloned and Engineered Plants
and Method of Use for
Bioremediation**

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: Medina Ahmed Ibrahim

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Amendment and Response

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary, as well as the Examiner's Office Action, are both silent as to the response due date. Accordingly, Applicant assumes that the shortened statutory period for reply is set at the standard time of three (3) months, with extensions of time available for an additional three (3) months. Therefore, the shortened statutory period is June 25, 2003, and extensions of time are available at an additional fee up to and including September 25, 2003.

Because Applicant is responding to the Office Action before the end of the shortened statutory period for a reply, it is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

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abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-4295.

Kindly enter the following amendments: